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SUB 1
1. A paper backing, for supporting a secondary layer, which has a double-layer paper structure comprising a first paper layer and a second paper layer, said first paper layer and said second paper layer each being manufactured from wood pulp and short fibers, wherein the first and second paper layers have different blending ratios of short fibers to wood pulp.

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2. An adhesive sheet comprising a paper backing and an adhesive layer provided on one of its surfaces, said paper backing having a double-layer paper structure comprising a first paper layer and a second paper layer, in which said first paper layer and said second paper layer each is manufactured from wood pulp and short fiber, and the first and second paper layers have different blending ratios of short fibers to wood pulp, and said adhesive layer being provided on the surface of said first paper layer having a
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blending ratio of short fibers to wood pulp that is larger than the blending ratio of short fibers to wood pulp of said second paper layer.

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3. An adhesive sheet as set forth in claim 2 wherein said paper backing, in addition to rubber and/or synthetic resin impregnated throughout its entirety, has a top coating layer on the surface of said second paper layer located on the opposite side of said first paper layer.

4. An adhesive sheet as set forth in claim 3 that is used as a masking material.

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